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5 Applicant: Bitler et al

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Examiner: Peter Szekely

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10 Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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15 REPLY

Sir,

This paper is a reply to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

20 Initially, it is noted that the Office Action does not refer to Claims 47-51, which were added by the previous Reply. As noted in that Reply, Claims 47-51 are limited to compositions containing 2-10% by weight of the SCC polymer; and were added in view of the Examiner's helpful statement in the previous Office Action that the range of 2-

25 10% would be acceptable as a limitation on the amount of SCC polymer.

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**AMENDMENTS**

30 Please amend this application as follows.

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